



Wend. day morning

Halls Hill Nov 27th 1861

Dear sister

I received your letter last night and was glad to hear from you i have not ~~had a letter from~~

had but one letter from an or any of the rest of the folks in four weeks i received the a letter from Oliver last week it was so long & coming that i did not no wether he was there now or not so i did not write to him you said that you wanted me to tell you what an orderly was i will tell you what it is there is seven men detailed every morning from each company for guard around the camp out of them there is three taken for orderleys one for the colonel Two for the Brigades general you wanted to no what they have to do well i will tell

Civil
War
Letter
to
Gt Grms
of
Helen W.
McKenney

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the colonel's has to stay at his tent
and if he wants to send a message to
the general for any thing he has to
go the general has to do the same
they have to go to the colonel with
messages and to the general of the
division to the telegraph office &c forth
it called an honorary post and sought
for by ~~the~~ all the guards that is what
an orderly is now for the rest of the news
we had great times here last wednesday
there was a grand review of 60 thous
and troops by the major general and
the president it was a nice ~~sp~~ spectacle
to behold we were drawn up in line
of battle in a large field and then
the pres and the general and his staff
rode the whole length of the line

(They may say what they have a mind
to about abes being so homely he
is not half so homely as they say he is)

we have been under arms since
last night for the ^{rebels} are threatening
to attack us there was one hundred
men went out of our regt on pickets
day before yesterday and news has
come in since i have been writing
this that one of our capt's is taken
^{capt davis of 14th} prisoners but we dont no how true
it is yet i do not no of any more
news now to rite now good by for this
time give my love to father and
mother norm and Mat and the rest of
the folks from your Affectionate
Brother William Griward

To his sisters

C. H. Gaylord

of when you ^{write} to oliver tell him when he
gets to washington to rite so that ~~he~~
i will no where he is a sleeping and i
will ^{write} rite to him ^{write} away and tell him
to